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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
 Appl. No. 09/177,387; Filed: October 23, 1998
 For: **Recombinational Cloning Using Nucleic Acids
 Having Recombination Sites**
 Inventors: HARTLEY *et al.*
 Our Ref: 0942.2850004/RWE/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
3. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity;
4. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Indep. Claims	- 3** =	X =
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1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
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1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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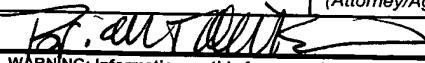
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